

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A livestock brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

~~an oblong~~ a livestock brush having a substantially oblong cross section that can and adapted to be set in motion by a driving ~~means~~mechanism, said oblong livestock brush having a shaft and brush hairs projecting substantially radially therefrom when the oblong livestock brush is not being driven by the driving ~~mechanism~~means; and

a ~~carrying means~~carrier located above the livestock brush, said carrier for carrying supporting the livestock brush, the ~~carrying means~~carrier including:

at least one flexible element,

~~whereby~~ wherein in the absence of a force other than gravity acting externally upon ~~it~~the livestock brush, the livestock brush has a substantially vertical orientation for brushing external sides of an animal, and

wherein the at least one flexible element of the ~~carrying means~~carrier is structured to allow, in response to through a force other than gravity acting externally ~~thereupon~~ upon the livestock brush, ~~permits~~ a swiveling of the livestock brush to ~~a substantially horizontal orientation of said livestock brush~~an orientation for reaching brushing against the back and higher-up external surfaces of the animal.

2. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element has a substantially is-oblong cross section.

3. (Previously Presented) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is substantially tubular.

4. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is comprises a leaf spring or coil spring.

5. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~driving means is rigidly~~ carrier comprises a rigid structural element~~connected to the~~ brush.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving ~~means~~ mechanism ~~is designed for rotating~~ adapted to rotate the livestock brush about ~~[[its]]~~ a longitudinal axis thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving ~~means is designed for moving~~ mechanism is adapted to move the livestock brush ~~substantially~~ in a plane substantially parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal axis of the livestock brush.

9. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, further comprising ~~drip feeding means for drip feeding~~ a drip feeder constructed to drip-feed a treatment agent from a place situated above the brush onto the livestock brush.

10. (Previously Presented) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein said flexible element comprises one or more universal couplings.

11. (Previously Presented) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong livestock brush of the brushing device consists of a single livestock brush.

12. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element extends along at least one side of the driving ~~means~~ mechanism and is fixed directly to a rigid, non-movable structure.

13. (Currently Amended) A livestock brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

a driving means mechanism;

an oblong a livestock brush having a substantially oblong cross section that can and adapted to be set in motion by the driving means mechanism, said livestock brush having a shaft and brush hairs projecting substantially radially therefrom when the livestock brush is not being driven by the driving mechanism; and

a carrying means carrier for carrying supporting the livestock brush and the driving means mechanism, the carrying means carrier including:

a rigid frame; and

at least one flexible element, said at least one flexible element being fixed at one end directly to a rigid, non-movable structure and being connected at an opposite end to [[a]] said rigid frame, said driving ~~means~~ mechanism having a lower end directly mounted on said rigid frame,

~~whereby~~ wherein in the absence of a force other than gravity acting externally upon [[it]] the livestock brush, the livestock brush has [[the]] a substantially vertical orientation for brushing external sides of an animal, and

wherein the at least one flexible element of the ~~carrying means~~ carrier, through a force other than gravity acting externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the livestock brush ~~to a substantially horizontal orientation of said livestock brush~~ for reaching the back and higher-up external surfaces of the animal.

14. (Previously Presented) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, wherein the oblong livestock brush of the brushing device consists of a single livestock brush.

15. (Currently Amended) A livestock brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

a driving ~~means~~ mechanism;

~~an oblong~~ a livestock brush having a substantially oblong cross section and adapted to that can be set in motion by the driving means mechanism, said livestock brush having a shaft and brush hairs projecting substantially radially therefrom when the livestock brush is not being driven by the driving mechanism; and

a ~~carrying means~~ carrier for ~~carrying supporting~~ the livestock brush, the ~~carrying means~~ including: carrier including at least one flexible element,

~~whereby~~ wherein in the absence of a force other than gravity acting externally upon[[it]] the livestock brush, the livestock brush has a substantially vertical orientation for brushing external sides of an animal,

wherein the at least one flexible element of the ~~carrying means~~ carrier has a structure that allows, through a force other than gravity acting externally thereupon, ~~permits~~ a swiveling of the livestock brush ~~to a substantially horizontal orientation of said livestock brush~~ for reaching the back and higher-up external surfaces of the animal,

wherein one end of the driving means faces the livestock brush and an opposite end of the driving means is exposed, and

wherein the ~~oblong~~ livestock brush of the brushing device consists of a single livestock brush.

16. (Previously Presented) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the brush hairs project substantially radially from the livestock brush such that a diameter of the livestock brush is substantially equal to one-half meter (.5m) regardless of the orientation of the livestock brush.

17. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~carrying means~~ carrier also includes a rigid frame,

and an end of the driving ~~means~~ mechanism facing the livestock brush is rigidly connected to the rigid frame, the rigid frame overlapping a portion of sides of the driving ~~means~~ mechanism.

18. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, wherein the at least one flexible element extends along at least one side of the driving ~~means~~ mechanism.

19. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, [[and]] wherein an end of said driving ~~means~~ mechanism opposite to the livestock brush is exposed.

20. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 15, wherein the ~~carrying means~~ carrier includes a rigid frame, and
wherein one end of the driving ~~means~~ mechanism is fixed to the rigid frame.

21. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 15, wherein the livestock brush and the driving ~~means~~ mechanism are coaxially arranged with respect to each other, and the livestock brush and the driving ~~means~~ mechanism swivel together when acted upon externally by the external force.

22. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is structured to permit a swiveling of the livestock brush to a substantially horizontal position upon the force other than gravity acting thereupon.

23. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, wherein the at least one flexible element is structured to permit a swiveling of the livestock brush to a substantially horizontal position upon the force other than gravity acting thereupon.

24. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 15, wherein the at least one flexible element is structured to permit a swiveling of the livestock brush to a substantially horizontal position upon the force other than gravity acting thereupon.